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1. SUMMARY: PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION INDEX (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR MAY RECORDED MODEST INCREASE FROM APRIL WHILE SHIPMENTS DROPPED SHARPLY. AS RESULT INDEX OF INVENTORIES ROSE SLIGHTLY AFTER FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY DECLINES. END SUMMARY.

2. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR MAY INDEX OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION SHOWS MODERATE 0.8 PERCENT INCREASE FROM APRIL LEVEL ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, JAPAN'S THIRD CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY INCREASE. INDEX EXCLUDING SHIPS RECORDED SIGHTLY LARGER GROWTH OF 0.9 PERCENT OVER APRIL LEVEL. MAY PRODUCTION INDEX (SA) INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY FOR PRECISION MACHINERY, PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS, AND CHEMICALS INDUSTRIES WHILE OUTPUT OF PAPER AND PULP, TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT, AND CERAMICS, STONE AND CLAY PRODUCTS FELL SHARPLY.

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3. PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS IN MINING AND MANUFACTURING

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INDUSTRIES DROPPED 2.5 PERCENT IN MAY. EXCEED-
ING SHIPS, HOWEVER, MAY SHIPMENTS DECLINED ONLY 0.2
PERCENT.

4. INVENTORIES ROSE SLIGHLTLY 0.3 PERCENT IN MAY OVER
PRIOR MONTH LEVEL AFTER FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY DROPS.
AS RESULT, MAY INVENTORIES TO SHIPMENTS RATIO INCREASED
SUBSTANTIALY BY 2.8 PERCENT EXCLUDING SHIPS, HOWEVER,
THIS INDEX ROSE ONLY 0.4 PERCENT.

5. FOLLOWING ARE PRELIMINARY MITI DATA ON MAY
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDICATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED,
1970-100). APRIL REVISED FIGURES PREVIOUSLY TRANSMITTED
IN REFTEL.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDICES 1970-100	MAY PRELIMINARY	APRIL REVISED	PERCENT INCREASE
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION:			
ALL INDUSTRIES	112.3	111.4	0.8
PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.8	130.4	MIN 0.5
MINING & MANUFACTURING	111.7	110.8	0.8
MINING	71.4	76.5	MIN 6.7
MANUFACTURNG	112.2	111.2	0.9
MINING & MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	110.8	109.8	0.9
PRODUCERS' SHIPMENTS:			
ALL INDUSTRIES	114.3	117.5	MIN 2.7
MINING & MANUFACTURING	114.5	117.4	MIN 2.5
MANUFACTURING	114.1	117.3	MIN 2.7
MANUFACTURING EXCLUDING SHIPS	114.9	115.1	MIN 0.2
PRODUCERS' INVENTORIES OF FINISHED GOODS:			
MINING & MANUFACTURING	158.5	158.0	0.3
MINING	52.0	58.1	MIN 10.5
MANUFACTURING	159.1	158.5	0.4
RATIO OF INVENTORY TO SHIPMENTS	188.4	134.6	2.8
RATIO OF INVENTORY TO SHIP-MENTS EXCLUDING SHIPS	137.9	137.3	0.4

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